

CIA: OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY— WHAT REDS ARE DOING

When light is shed on the undercover war the Communists are waging against the U. S. everywhere, you can see what the Central Intelligence Agency faces trying to combat them.

Soviet agents are formidable, unscrupulous, constantly on the offensive on many fronts. This report on how they operate comes from top intelligence officials, here and abroad.

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One question that keeps coming up in the latest controversy over the Central Intelligence Agency is this:

Just whom or what is the CIA fighting?

The answer is found in the other side of the CIA story—the facts on what the Communists are doing all over the world to penetrate and grab control of organizations, underwrite treason and terrorism, stir up strife, stage revolutions, steal secrets.

It is the CIA's job to combat these activities of the Reds in the cold-war struggle that has been going on in the back alleys of the world for more than 20 years.

From intelligence officials in the U. S. and abroad come authoritative accounts of what the CIA is fighting, how the Communists operate and reasons for such CIA programs as subsidization of work in the foreign field by some student, labor and other organizations.

Disclosure of this financing brought the agency under fire, compromised some of its efforts and even led to demands that the CIA be abolished.

Reds' use of fronts. As part of its plot to achieve world domination, Moscow-directed Communism maneuvers through international front groups.

Worldwide, U. S. intelligence experts say, the Communists have 11 such organizations—all under direct control of the KGB, the Soviet Committee for State Security, "operational headquarters" for Russia's whole cold-war scheme.

These fronts are designed to appeal to almost every interest. There is a World

Peace Council, and there are international fronts for labor, youth, women, students, teachers, scientists, lawyers, newspapermen, radio-TV workers and "resistance movements."

The head of the KGB—who at this time is Nikolai Anisimovich Shchelokov—is one of the world's most powerful Communists because his agency controls all of Russia's foreign and military intelligence as well as Soviet internal security.

In American terms, that would be like putting one man in charge of the CIA, the FBI and all of the military intelligence services.

The importance that the Soviet Union places on front organizations is shown by this example:

Alexandr Shelepin was a vice president of the International Union of Students when it was founded in 1946. He later became a vice president of the World Federation of Democratic Youth. Shelepin then shot up to become head of the all-powerful KGB. He now is a top official of the Soviet Communist Party.

Methods of operation. How do Communist fronts operate? Here is one way:

Fronts recruit young Africans, Asians and Latin Americans for training in Communist countries—as labor leaders or guerrilla fighters. The brightest are taught

how to overthrow governments and set up Communist regimes. An ultimate aim is to recruit young Americans.

A major objective of KGB, working through fronts, is to draw non-Communists into unity with Communists. Such a drive now is on the upswing in Western Europe, spearheaded by two of the groups, the World Federation of Trade Unions and the International Union of Students.

A former KGB official who defected to the West says that 80 per cent of Soviet personnel abroad are "trained professional spies."

The KGB, this man says, rates the U. S. as its No. 1 target and seeks to isolate America from its allies on the theory that, when this isolation is accomplished, the U. S. will "crumble from within."

The "unite and capture" theme runs through all Communist-front efforts, such as the World Youth Festivals that draw thousands from all over the world.

Costs of these events are high. The Moscow festival in 1957, for instance, is estimated to have cost up to 150 million dollars. The Vienna affair in 1959 cost 50 million. The Communist outlay on the youth festival in Helsinki in 1962 was around 30 million.

Another one is to take place next year in Sofia, Bulgaria—and the Russians already are blaring propaganda against the American delegation because of the revelation that CIA money financed trips by some young Americans to previous festivals.

Bonanza for the enemy. The "exposé" of this CIA subsidy—which was carried out under national policy established years ago—is described by U. S. officials as a windfall for the Communists. At earlier festivals, the Americans—even though few of them knew that CIA money was helping to pay their expenses—succeeded in blunting effects the Communists hoped to achieve.

In Communist countries, fronts pay travel costs for students, labor leaders and others. Communist funds also have financed travel by the Reds' American sympathizers—including students—to points behind the Iron Curtain and to Red Cuba.

The KGB is said to have almost unlimited funds at its disposal—despite Russia's shortage of foreign exchange—and more manpower than the CIA, the FBI and U. S. military intelligence combined.



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HEAD OF KGB, Nikolai Shchelokov, is one of the world's most powerful Reds. He controls all Russian intelligence as well as Soviet internal security.

WHEN THE "COVER WAS BLOWN"

A veteran U. S. intelligence official, discussing public disclosure that CIA funds were being used secretly to finance some American students at international conferences, said this:

"The U. S., not just the CIA, suffered a severe defeat in this thing.

"The U. S. still must fight to prevent the Communists from having all their own way in international meetings of students—or teachers, or scientists, journalists, labor unions, whatever.

"But now that the CIA cover has been 'blown,' the job will cost much more. And it will take a long time before any U. S. organization or group can regain the effectiveness that the National Student Association had.

"These students were not instructed how to act, except in a very few cases. Main reliance was on the American instincts and patriotism of almost all the students who were financially helped to attend.

"The main arm of the Soviet Government's constant battle to discredit everything American—Moscow's so-called 'Department of Disinformation'

—has been sniping at the National Student Association for years. But it never was able to prove anything.

"Now the Americans have given them the ammunition—perfect ammunition with which to fight any American delegation at any international meeting.

"The Americans have acted to 'devour our own children.'"



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Americans at a youth festival: The main reliance was on their patriotism.

One division of the KGB—the "Department of Disinformation," or Department D—operates in the propaganda field. It plants false information, including forged documents, wherever an opportunity exists to smear and discredit the U. S. specifically and the West generally.

In this, Department D gets help from such fronts as the World Peace Council, the World Federation of Trade Unions, the International Union of Students and the World Federation of Democratic Youth.

An illustration: The World Peace Council spread charges during the Korean conflict that the U. S. was using germ warfare. And two other fronts, the International Association of Democratic Lawyers and the World Federation of Scientific Workers, sent "investigating commissions" to obtain "evidence" in support of the charge.

What do Reds seek? What the Communists are attempting to accomplish by undercover methods in every country was made clear in a recent public statement by the chief espionage official in the Security Ministry of Communist East Germany. He was talking about Germany, but he was enunciating the KGB line for all non-Communist countries. This top Red spy said:

"To procure information and material is only one task of our organization.

"The other and more important task is to make use of the material and the knowledge gained for political purposes—to blackmail the enemy, to terrorize the population, and to make the

Communist Party victorious in the whole of Germany."

Like all spymasters in satellite states, the East German official is under KGB control.

In every part of the world, secret Communist activity poses a threat.

Sometimes these activities are flushed into the open. On one such occasion, in 1965, Communist financial support for terrorists in Venezuela was exposed when three Red couriers carrying \$330,000 in cash were seized and jailed.

Venezuelan officials said that the three—two women and a man—were agents of the Italian Communist Party, which Moscow had assigned the job of smuggling money to guerrillas in Venezuela.

The Communist move failed in that instance because of counterintelligence like that in which the CIA—according to members of other intelligence organizations—excels. But Venezuelan terrorists continue to get arms and money from the Communists.

One Communist faction, in Venezuela receives weapons and training from Fidel Castro's Cuba—where, only 90 miles from U. S. shores, the KGB has a big stake. Cuba is a transfer point for the Red paymasters and spymasters in Latin America.

From the inside— Throughout South America, Communist "political action" agents infiltrate student groups and labor unions, whip up agitation among peasants, and organize fronts for the Communists. Western intelligence

sources say, control all but four of the national student federations in Latin America—in all countries except Costa Rica, Bolivia, Chile and perhaps Uruguay. The Communist-front International Union of Students claims, in fact, that 82 of the world's national student federations are affiliated with it.

In the Middle East, the present Soviet objective, as defined by U. S. officials on the scene, is to stir up enough trouble to threaten the stability of countries in which the U. S. has influence—particularly those where Americans control big oil reserves.

Examples of the KGB at work in the Middle East include riots instigated by Communist agents in Jordan, massive supplies of arms to Syria, bombings in Saudi Arabia and floods of Communist propaganda pouring from Cairo, which is headquarters for a number of Communist fronts, such as the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization.

Africa: Agents busy. In Africa, the Reds are trying to keep the whole continent in turmoil.

Moscow and Red China bankroll opponents of President Jomo Kenyatta in Kenya. Communist influence in Tanzania has grown to the point where the Government has undertaken to nationalize most private business. The Chinese Communists used their embassy in Burundi as a relay point for weapons and funds sent to rebels operating against the Congolese Government in Kinshasa. Congo, of which Brazza-

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ville is the capital, Communists—including Cubans—control the military forces. In Ghana, until they were thwarted by the coup that ousted Kwame Nkrumah, Soviet agents had penetrated the Government to the point where they controlled Nkrumah's personal army and were building a military base to be used for operations throughout West Africa.

The Communists regularly supply weapons to rebels in Portuguese Angola and Mozambique. In Somalia, the Army is equipped and influenced by the Communists. Soviet agents are fomenting trouble in Ethiopia. In Tunisia, Communist penetration is mainly through students. In Algeria, Soviet economic aid is a lever used by the KGB.

North of Africa, in the Mediterranean area, a step-up of Communism's covert actions coincides with the growing Soviet naval presence. All along the fringe of the Mediterranean, KGB men are busy. One piece of evidence: secret stockpiles of weapons, uncovered in Greece.

Communist-front efforts are paying off in West Germany and elsewhere in Europe. In 1966, for the first time, West German non-Communist unions were persuaded to send delegations to Poland, Czechoslovakia and Russia. A British trade-union group sent representatives to Russia. A Catholic federation of trade unions in France was induced to take joint action with the Communist-controlled French labor federation.



—Andrew St. George Photo

"POLITICAL ACTION" agents spread Red propaganda throughout Latin America; they infiltrate student and labor groups and whip up agitation among the peasants.

Some of Britain's non-Communist organizations have been heavily infiltrated by Communists and used to promote Soviet propaganda against the U. S.

One of these groups—the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament—mobilized strong opposition to American nuclear strategy and to British ties with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The British Union of Students is now the top target for Communist penetration.

How Asia is affected. In Asia, the World Federation of Trade Unions has been the principal transmission belt for Communist orders.

The series of Communist insurrections which broke out over recent years in

country after country—Vietnam, Indonesia, India, Burma and the Philippines—received the "go" signal from trade-union centers.

Although the attempted Red revolution in Indonesia in 1965 was smashed, large numbers of Communists remain. Both Moscow and Peking are trying again, U. S. intelligence officials believe, to rebuild for another revolt.

In the Philippines, where suppression of the Huk uprising in the early 1950s is counted as one of the CIA's great, but largely unpublicized, victories, the Communists again are trying to activate a Huk rebellion.

A staff study just released by the U. S. Senate's Internal Security Subcommittee says this:

"Previous hearings have established that Moscow has, in the past, distributed vast sums, along with its directives, through various secret channels to support subversive activities in countries outside Russia, including the United States, and there is every reason to believe that this practice continues."

The CIA's role. Countering Communist activities inside the U. S. is a task of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the CIA which has the responsibility for combatting actions in the rest of the world which are inimical to the interests of this country.

In carrying out that mission, the CIA must face enemies of many kinds—enemies masked as "do-gooders" as well as enemies trained in the dark arts of subversion, espionage, blackmail and assassination—all dedicated to the Communist aim once stated bluntly by Nikita Khrushchev: to "bury" the U. S.

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DEMONSTRATION provided by the World Federation of Trade Unions, agent for Communist orders.